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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS CHALLENGE: PLENARY
OCTOBER 4, 1973.

1. IN VOTE 80-26 (US, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA,
DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE, FRG, GREECE, ICELAND,
IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAPAN, LUXEMBOURG, MALAWI, NETHERLANDS,
NEW ZEALAND, NICARAGUA, NORWAY, PARAGUAY, PORTUGAL, SOUTH
AFRICA, SWEDEN, UK) - 3, WITH 26 DELS NOT PARTICIPATING,
GA PLENARY DECIDED TO SUSPEND MEETING UNTIL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
MET AND PRESENTED PAPER ON CREDENTIALS OF SOUTH AFRICA.
AFRICANS ORCHESTRATED EFFECTIVE PROCEDURAL MOVEMENT TO DECISION.

2. MAURITIUS, SENEGAL, AND TANZANIA REPS ROSE ON POINT
OF ORDER IMMEDIATELY AFTER GA PRES BENITES RECOGNIZED
FON MIN SOUTH AFRICA AS NEXT GENERAL DEBATE SPEAKER,
ARGUING THAT PREVIOUS GA RESES 2636 (25), 2862(26), 2948(27)
INCLUDED STIPULATION THAT CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTED
SA GOVT NOT APPROVED, THEY CALLED UPON GA TO IMPLEMENT
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OWN RESOLUTIONS AND SUSPEND MEETING UNTIL CREDENTIALS

COMITE MET. IN COURSE OF DEBATE, PRESIDENT BENITES READ STATEMENTS OF PREVIOUS GA PRESIDENTS WHICH SAID GA RESES WERE NOT USED IN THIS SITUATION AND SAID HE DID NOT HAVE FORMAL PROPOSAL BEFORE HIM WHICH WOULD CALL FOR PRESIDENT'S RULING OR FOR SUSPENSION. SUADI ARABIA REP ROSE TO CAUTION AGAINST HASTY ACTION AND TO REMIND GA THAT CREDENTIALS COMITE CAN ONLY VERIFY AUTHENTICITY OF SIGNATURES, HAS NOT JUDICIAL POWER AND ONLY SC CAN EXPEL REPRESENTATIVES. SOMALIA PUT PREVIOUS SUSPENSION SUGGESTION INTO FORMAL PROPOSAL. GA MOVED TO IMMEDIATE VOTE DESPITE SOUTH AFRICAN ATTEMPT TO INTERRUPT ON POINT OF ORDER WHICH BENITES REFUSED ON BASIS OF CHARTER RULE 78. SCALI UNQUOTE. RUSH

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